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SUBJECT: SWISS REPORT ON CONVERSATION WITH UNHCR

1. SWISS AMBASSADOR RUDOLPH HARTMANN PASSED TO THE AMBASSADOR HIS REPORT TO BERN OF HIS JULY 25 CONVERSATION WITH UNHCR OFFICERS JAEGER AND RIZWI CONCERNING THE REFUGEE SITUATION IN THAILAND AND UNHCR'S ROLE. IT CONTAINS SEVERAL POINTS OF INTEREST.
2. FIRST HARTMAN REPORTS THAT THE OFFICIALS SAID UNHCR WANTS TO BE FLEXIBLE IN THAILAND, DIRECTING ITS ASSISTANCE TO VIRTUALLY ALL ASPECTS OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM. FOR ITS PART, THE ICRC IS FOCUSSIIG ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION.
3. SECOND, THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES SAID THERE WERE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS IN THAILAND FOR WHICH THEIR ORGANIZATION CANNOT BE BLAMED. THEY CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THAILAND'S SENSITIVITY TO TREATING THE REFUGEES BETTER THAN ITS OWN PEOPLE.
4. THIRD, THEY SAID UNHCR WISHES TO SERVE AS THE COORDINATING POINT FOR PRIVATE ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN THAILAND.

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5. LAST, THEY THANKED THE SWISS AMBASSADOR (DEAN OF THE

DIPLOMATIC CORPS) FOR THE CONCERN OF THE CHIEFS OF MISSION
AND HOPED THEY WOULD PERSUADE THEIR GOVERNMENTS
TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNHCR'S FUND FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN
THAILAND.

6. COMMENT. THE UNHCR REPS ALSO VISITED OTHER AMBASSADORS HERE.
WE BELIEVE THE SWISS AMBASSADOR'S REPORT MIRRORS THE BANGKOK
DIPLOMATIC CORPS' INTEREST IN THE REFUGEE PROBLEM. HOPEFULLY, MORE
ACTION BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, HARD DECISIONS BY THE RTG, AND THE
PROMISE OF NEW LIFE IN THE UNHCR OFFICE HERE WILL
FINALLY HELP TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION.
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